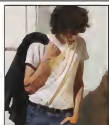




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Fire power at Fort George



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A fire power demonstration at Fort George included some of the best infantry squads assembled for the annual Fife and Drum Muster and Soldiers' Field Day this weekend. Although this demonstration showed how well the infantry could work together, there were also other events where they competed against each other. For more photos see page 12.

Councillor regrets showing disrespect

➤ Martin Mazza apologizes for 'error in judgement' during last week's committee meeting

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

Town Councillor Martin Mazza regrets he let his emotions get the better of him.

He will apologize to Lord Mayor Dave Eke for refusing to address him by his proper title at last week's committee meeting, he said.

But the mayor is out of town this week at meetings for the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and Mazza won't be able to apologize publicly until next Monday's council meeting—a full two weeks after he made what he referred to as an error in judgement.

So he is letting residents know now that he is sorry for demonstrating a lack of respect to the Lord Mayor by addressing him as 'Mr. Mayor,' rather than his proper title.

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"I'm apologizing because I have an obligation to represent my position, and part of my responsibility is to show respect to fellow councillors and the chair. I let myself down, I let the council down and I let the residents down. For that I'm sorry. I let my emotions get the better of me, and I shouldn't have," said Mazza.

Tension had been build-

ing in the week leading up to the Aug. 13 committee meeting, he said. He had sent around an email with a report about a July town hall meeting he held at the library, a report he had hoped to give verbally at council. But it was decided that he didn't mention his report during the appropriate time during the meeting, so he was advised to send it by email instead.

It was an "unfiltered" report, and some of the

things he said, in passing along comments from residents who had attended, angered other councillors.

Although there were some emails in response, none of the councillors approached him directly, said Mazza.

"The silence was deafening."

He was prepared for criticism, although he says now he wishes it hadn't taken up valuable time that could have been used to discuss important issues, such as the jet boat lease renewal or the future of the former community centre, both of which were on the agenda and were discussed.

"Those issues should have been front and centre, not personalities."

If there is any good to come of that meeting—both the rebuke from other

councillors and his lapse in judgement when he refused to call the Lord Mayor by his proper title—it is that hopefully, after his public apology next week, the issue can be put behind them and they can move on, he said.

Mazza described "a communication breakdown" between the two politicians, stemming from some past issues, but said he should not have made it personal or public.

"We have two years left of this council, and as a group we can still do a lot of good in the next two years. But if we continue on a path of anger, hostility and lack of respect to each other, no good will come of it. That would be a waste of everybody's time. On Monday I'll gladly apologize with the goal of making this council better."

After three councillors had spent some time chastising Mazza both for the content of his emailed report, and his disrespect to the Lord Mayor, the meeting was cut short when the 11 p.m. curfew was reached.

There was some brief discussion about whether other councillors would want to have their say at this Monday's council meeting, and whether a solution would be sought.

"Perhaps an apology can be the solution. If not, I hope they will let me know, to see what else can be done to mend fences," said Mazza.

If the Lord Mayor decides to speak either publicly or privately about the situation, he added, "I have no problem with that—I'll do whatever it takes to clear the air and



Councillor Martin Mazza

move forward."

But as far as the town hall meetings go, the councillor says he will continue to hold them.

"I'm looking forward to the next one."

He has booked space at the community centre for Wednesday, Sept. 12 from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

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Town to decide what to do with \$1.2 million property and how to pay for it

Penny Colles
Niagara Advance

Graham Mitchell was proud of his beautiful waterfront property, and knowing the Town was interested in purchasing it, he hoped to be able to see it used for public access to the lake.

He died before that could be accomplished, but the Town completed the deal with his executors last March to buy the River Beach Road property for \$1.2 million.

Last week, after a closed-door session to discuss the terms, councillors agreed the Town should lease the house on the property to tenants for three years, buying time to figure how to use it.

The purchase completes a rectangle that begins with the Melville Street dock, and includes the historic railway turntable across the street from Mitchell's property.

When he died and the property was put up for sale, the Town had to make a quick decision about acquiring it, says Sheldon Randall, director of corporate services.

es. Council agreed, without an opportunity to decide how to pay for it.

Following a closed door session at council last March 26, council approved the purchase, suggesting "a communication piece" should be provided to the public to advise that council was fulfilling its strategic plan to secure waterfront as it becomes available, and to include how it will be financed. The bylaw to allow the purchase was passed immediately following that vote.

Councillor Jim Collard says the discussion about acquiring waterfront property has been ongoing for at least two decades, and was re-iterated during a visioning workshop about a year ago.

"We have been talking all along about providing a presence in the dock area, which we haven't had," says Collard.

"That's the why behind the Mitchell property."

Although there are no current plans for that property, it could be part of a

walkway along the water, or the site for a future cross-lake ferry, he said.

Lord Mayor Dave Eike agrees acquiring waterfront property has been a long-standing part of the vision for the dock area.

A common complaint of residents, going back to his years as an alderman on council, has been that although this is Niagara-on-the-Lake, there is little access to the lake.

The dock area plan encourages the Town to purchase waterfront property, and says that it should be "dedicated to recreational, cultural, marine commercial and parkland use and provide predominantly public access to the waterfront."

The three-year lease to tenants gives the Town time to decide how to best use the property, says Eike. Each member of council was given an opportunity to discuss their

vision for the property with Milena Avramovic, director of community and development services, and there will be time for public input as well, he said.

The consensus is for something that will be "quiet and peaceful," said Eike.

"Now we can start to address the possibilities. We want to do it right."

Councillor Martin Mazza was the only councillor to vote against the purchase, not because he is opposed to acquiring waterfront property, but because he didn't like the process, he said.

Although it's traditional, and often necessary, to discuss real estate deals in

closed-door sessions, there was no opportunity for public input—the bylaw allowing the purchase was passed right after council's closed door meeting and subse-

quent vote.

"I didn't like the fact that we were spending \$1.2 million without residents having a chance to tell us how they felt," Mazza said.

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Electronic sign off at night

Residents living across the street from the library should be sleeping better at night.

The lighted lettering on the large sign on Niagara Stone Road will be turned off at night.

At last week's parks and recreation meeting, Councillor Terry Flynn mentioned he had heard some complaints from residents about the brightness of the sign

overnight.

And just like that, the problem was fixed. Parks and Recreation director Chae Buiest said the sign could be turned down or turned off at night, and Flynn made a motion, approved by councillors, to turn it off between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m.

It was also brought to the attention of councillors that the sign is used sometimes to advertise

the cost of a coffee and muffins at Second Cup, in the cafe at the community centre.

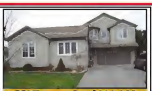
Other coffee shops in town would likely want to have the opportunity to advertise on such a sign as well, but can't, said Councillor Jamie King.

It was agreed that the town's sign committee would look into the use of the town-owned sign.



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Town to take another look at controlling cottage rentals

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

Recent discussions about cottage rentals at the Town have taken a different turn, with a reversal of an earlier decision to refrain from differentiating between them and residential homes in a new zoning bylaw.

In 2010, the Town decided to manage cottage rentals through its licensing bylaw

rather than zoning.

This summer, several residents in Old Town neighbourhoods have complained about the noise and other disruptions caused by visitors renting houses, asking the Town to consider them commercial properties and stop allowing them in residential areas.

Unlike bed and breakfasts, says Victoria Street resident Barbara Romanowich, the owners of cottage rentals do

not live on the property, and there is no one to intervene when visitors get out of hand and disturb their neighbours.

Earlier this summer, she initiated a petition, calling on the town to enact stricter bylaws and to provide more rigorous enforcement of the bylaws and regulations pertaining to cottage rentals.

The petition, which stands at about 400 signatures and will be presented to council

in September, also asks that NOTL pass interim control bylaws to stop issuing new licences in residential areas and to declare existing short-term rentals to be a legal non-conforming use.

After talking to people in many different areas of town, "I would say a great majority don't want them in their neighbourhood," said Romanowich.

"I'm not against cottage rentals. I'm against them in

residential neighbourhoods."

The turn-around in dealing with cottage rentals came after council asked planning staff to have a look at a recent Ontario Municipal Board decision on short-term tourist rentals in the town of Blue Mountain, near Collingwood.

The OMB decision found short-term rentals are for recreational purposes, that they are not by definition residential, that the municipality should distinguish between tourist accommodations and permanent dwellings, and that short-term rental units should be allocated to specific areas for compatibility reasons.

NOTL councillors have supported planning recommendations to initiate the process to amend the zoning bylaw immediately to recognize cottage rentals as a separate use in its bylaws, to put a stop to any new cottage rentals until the zoning amendment process is completed, and to add cottage rental as a permitted use in the general commercial zone for the Old Town.

The recommendation also

suggests beginning a review of Official Plan policies and zoning bylaws to look at how best to deal with new and existing cottage rentals.

The review will include input from industry representatives and residents, and is expected to be completed, with recommendations, by December.

"I am thrilled, not only for myself but for all the home owners in Niagara and I am extremely happy that the Town is following up on the problem of cottage rentals in residential zones," says Romanowich.

"The Town has recognized that cottage rental properties are much different than bed and breakfast homes because B&B's are residential dwellings where a family lives and their very nature ensures, on the most part, a quiet dwelling."

After reading last week's report, Romanowich says, "I know the mayor, the councillors and the town staff will put in place the appropriate measures to protect their residents from commercial ventures in our residential zones."

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In the swim



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14-year-old Annaleise Carr from Norfolk, Ont., with team member Ross Keegan, jogs to the beach at Queen's Royal Park Saturday, cheered on by hundreds of well-wishers, before beginning the swim that would take her almost 27 hours to reach Marilyn Bell Park in Toronto. She is now the youngest person to cross Lake Ontario, and with her strength and determination has raised almost \$100,000 for Camp Trillium, a facility for children with cancer. Her smile was just as bright in photos of her finishing her swim.

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our editorial

What should town do with waterfront?

It would seem there are several questions that arise in contemplation of the Town's recent expenditure of \$1.2 million.

Yes, we remember that it has been often discussed that the town should acquire waterfront property, and this particular River Beach Road address seems like a natural, bordering property the Town already owns, and across the street from another piece of public property. It seems the right decision to jump in and purchase it when the opportunity arose.

However, there were also discussions about putting money aside in reserves to purchase property, yet at the moment, there doesn't seem to be any plan of how to pay for it. If it has been the intention of the Town for two decades to buy such property as it became available, why is there no money put aside for it?

It also seems questionable that the

council approved the bylaw to purchase it right after a closed-door meeting to discuss it, without any opportunity for the public to hear about the decision.

However, the public should at least have a say as to how the property should be used. It's lovely that the councillors have been asked for their ideas—a cross-river ferry, perhaps, or a nice little restaurant where residents can have a quiet drink with one of the best views in town? A passive park with a few benches?

The reason for acquiring waterfront property has always been to give residents access to the waterfront. Hopefully all will keep that in mind as the discussions begin.

Because visits to that stretch of property now might show people enjoying the waterfront, but not the people who are paying for this property.

letters to the editor

Council responsive to concerns

The Lord Mayor and members of the Town Council are responsive to my concerns and inform and represent me well. Self appointed "Tone voice" Mazza does not speak for me nor can I support his effort to impose his personal dogma onto Town governance.

Bob Waugh

Councillor again ruffles feathers

My, my, my. Martin Mazza has once again ruffled the feathers

of his fellow council members.

He is indeed the voice of the people and the more feathers he ruffles the better.

Keep it up Martin, don't let the nit pickers wear you down.

Gary Payne

Jet boat lease doesn't seem terribly lucrative

A Councillor told me that he would never, ever change his mind re the jet boats. He would always support them no matter what.

That is a pretty odd comment for an elected member of Council to say to a constituent, in spite

of the fact that resident after resident has explained how disruptive this operation is to the residents living along side the river members of Council and staff continue to ignore us.

To justify supporting this operation so blatantly by stating that supporting this operation would result in benefits of \$1.7 million and the odd \$70,000 is ridiculous in my view.

This over 10 years is not a large sum of money. Particularly when you hear and see all the adverse affects on the residents and the environment.

Total what we as residents are paying over 10 years. I am sure we can match that sum.

And, our footprint isn't as damaging as far as I can see.

Allice Duc Triano

Defenders of the Town



John Mather, Susan Hawes, Tony Chisholm and Lyle Williams present a Defender of the Town plaque to Kevin Neufeld of BeauChapeau, with Dorothy Collinson and Emily Bjorlun. The store has been a part of the town since 1997 and wanted to become more involved in the history of The War of 1812, said Neufeld, so for two years has been the official hat supplier to the Niagara-on-the-Lake Bicentennial. Neufeld has been pleased with the increasing popularity of his bicentennial logo ball caps and is placing more orders for them all the time. There are already two different versions of the cap, with the newest release of the 41st Regiment of Foot scheduled to be on the shelves by late August. BeauChapeau also carries hats of the 1800s. From bi-corns to bonnets, it was a time when a hat was a necessity and no outfit was complete without one.

Thanks for generous donations of fresh fruit

Register for school supplies, Thanksgiving Dinner



Brenda Shah
Newark Neighbours

Again this week we have some thank yous to acknowledge due to the wonderful generosity of this community.

Many thanks to Harry Klassen for his donation of fresh peaches and the anonymous gentleman for his donation of fresh tomatoes.

We would like to ask any families who are in

Newark Neighbours will be closed on Sunday Sept. 2 and Monday Sept. 3 so the volunteers can enjoy the holiday with their families.

Registration for Thanksgiving dinners will begin on Tuesday, Sept. 4. Please come in person to register.

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need of help with back-to-school supplies for their children to contact Newark Neighbours to register for the needed supplies.

Please make note that

letters to the editor

Movie Night just gets better

The weather was fantastic as about 300 people

came out, left their homes and got together as a community for our Movie Night in Simcoe Park last Friday.

While there is no charge for the event the generous people that came left behind roughly \$500 for Gillian's Place, which provides shelter for

abused women.

It was a great evening for our community and tourists who took notice and stopped in.

Next years event should be even better.

Stefan Regier

Local garden a wonder to visitors

Some OHA delegates had a chance to visit exceptional York Road garden



Jean Cochrane
Happy Gardening

As the 500 delegates of the Ontario Horticultural Association head home many are quite amazed at what we can grow here.

I spent some time with a group touring Shiela

Hirsch-Kalm's garden on



This bloom was a rare delight for visitors to Sheila Hirsch-Kalm's garden. It's the bloom of the Frankinia Alatomaha, and there are not many around—one Niagara Parks, and none left in the wild. All in existence come from the one that was grown from seed by a collector in Boston back in the 1700s.

the escapement.

This really is an exceptional garden, but my favourite part is the many planters on the patio. This is an excellent way to enjoy your plants up close, easy to keep watered etc. for older people like me.

There were some quite exceptional plants like the hymenocallis, the exomus (pineapple lily) the blue agapanthus and there is a chocolate summer mimosa tree further down the garden that everyone loved.

Now we are getting to harvest time for our vegetables and there are some complaints about 'blossom rot' on the tomatoes.

This is caused by lack of calcium and I read a suggestion that dissolving some antacid tablets in water and using it to water the affected plants can help. It is worth a try.

All the mums are appearing in the nurseries and are telling us we are getting into fall, and I am now very aware of what I was unable to do last spring when I see so many gaps with no colour.

Oh well, some mums will do the trick.

Happy gardening.

Look for Community Awareness in this issue



As the days get cooler and September approaches, it's time to think about fall and winter activities. Parks and Recreation director Clive Buist displays the Community Awareness booklet, produced by the Town of NOTL and the Niagara Advance, being delivered in today's Advance—look for all the information you need about leisure activities in town for all ages. Extra copies are available at the parks and rec office in the Virgil SportsPark.

Garden of the Week



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Newcomers ready to welcome new members

Meetings,
interest groups
begin new
season in
September

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

The 200-member strong Niagara-on-the-Lake Newcomers is celebrating 20 years of welcoming new arrivals to town.

The goal of the club, a member of the national association, welcomes women new to the area and helps them learn about the community, so that they can settle in, find out about local services, and more than anything else, make friends, and help their families to do the same, says Diane Short, one of the interim executives of the club.



Newcomers executive members Suzanne Hebert, Eve Wylie, Jan Ashenhurst, Diane Short, Marilyn Rickard and Sonja Davis prepare for a new season. Their first meeting will be at the community centre Sept. 19.

Members join and never want to leave, so there is also a large alumni component to the group, says Short.

Women become part of the community through interest groups, programs within the community to let them see what's available, and trips

to surrounding places of interest that they may not have seen before—there are interest groups to suit everyone's taste, and members are encouraged to bring new ideas to the executive.

"Our biggest problem over the years has been that there

we've been growing exponentially," she says. "Church halls have become too small."

As interest groups grow and fill up, new ones are started, she says.

There are social get-togethers twice a year, at Christmas and the end of the membership year in late June—those are the meetings that tend to draw not only the current newcomers, those who have arrived in town within the last three years, but the alumni as well, says Short.

Many women credit Newcomers with helping them and their families get established in the area, she says, and those who have been with the group for many years have friends who can support them "when life throws them a curve ball."

For information regarding membership, contact membership chair Marilyn Rickard at marilynrickard@live.com, or call 905-468-2509.

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Golf Classic

Councillor Jim Collard, Lloyd Redekop of Graves Jams, parks and recreation director Clive Buist, Golf Classic committee chair Rob Weier and members Mark Edwards and Will Walker are ready for the 14th annual NOTL Golf Classic to be held at Niagara Parks Whirlpool Golf Course Thursday, Oct. 4. Graves, celebrating 85 years of making jams and marmalades, is this year's major sponsor. Registration is \$150 per person and includes 18 holes of golf, power cart, prizes and a prime rib dinner. Proceeds go to the Virgil splashpad.



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Civilian air search and rescue volunteers at Airport Fest 2012 celebrate 35 years in civilian help-ing to save lives

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When they're called to help, they're ready. Members of the local air search and rescue team and many of its alumni were at Niagara District

Airport Saturday to celebrate their 35th anniversary—35 years of saving lives, helping the Royal Canadian Air Force when civilian volunteers and their planes are needed to supplement the force's squadron.



Crowds line up to see inside the Lockheed CC-130 Hercules out of CFB Trenton, used in air search and rescue missions. It was at the Niagara District Airport Fest Saturday.

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Search and rescue team needs volunteers

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Randy Klaassen, president of the Civil Air Rescue Emergency Service in Niagara, says since the arrival of digital technology, there aren't as many air searches necessary—the location of a transmitted emergency signal can often be pin-pointed within minutes.

The local group trains weekly with training officer Terry Nord, and when they are called to take out their own plane, or to act as civilian spotters for the Royal Canadian Air Force Search and Rescue Squadron out of CFB Trenton, in the Hercules aircraft that was on display at the airport Saturday, they are ready to do their part.

The last time they were called out, Nord spent two days in the Cessna 182 they use for search and rescue over the Ganaraska Forest near Hastings, Ont., looking for a plane that had disappeared between Quebec and Buttonville Airport. Klaassen was on stand-by.

The wreckage was finally located from the sky, the pilot found dead, in an area not accessible by road.

The Herc is used for search and rescue operations because of its ability to fly long distances and remain in the air for long periods of time without stopping for fueling. While it can't get as close to the ground as smaller aircraft, when a missing plane, boat or person is spotted, it sends

out a flare to mark the spot, and a member of the squadron can be parachuted into the area, with a raft if on water.

With spotters, trained in scanning techniques, rotating ideally every 20 minutes, the civilian volunteers help boost the man-power of the squadron.

The Niagara volunteer air search and rescue team has 25 active members, and can always use more, says Nord. Volunteers need to be in good health, and able to train Thursday evenings and one Saturday morning a month—they carry out training exercises with CARE's Cessna 182.

For more information email casarabook@gmail.com or call Nord at 905-468-1547.



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Terry Nord, training officer, and Randy Klaassen, president of Civil Air Rescue Emergency Services in Niagara, talks about volunteer opportunities with Buddy Andrews.

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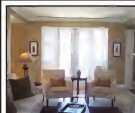
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During the 14th annual Muster and Field Day event at Fort George this weekend, the 41st Regiment Fife and Drum Corps also celebrated its 25th anniversary. The Fort George Lights (top, left) won the firework trophy with the most points for various skills competitions, and Fort George music director Peter Alexander (bottom, left) led mass music demonstrations both days, with corps from different forts playing and marching together. The 78th Highlanders made an impressive sight and sound with their appearance at the fort's muster.

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Organized by NOTL Hospital Auxiliary, event also provides information about preventing identity theft

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

Niagara-on-the-Lake residents will have the opportunity to safely dispose of personal documents, while helping local

health care.

The Niagara-on-the-Lake Hospital Auxiliary is holding its second annual Shred-it event Saturday at the Meridian Credit Union.

Most household shredders handle only a few

pages at a time, so this is an opportunity to dispose of boxes of papers professionally.

It's also an important opportunity to learn about identity theft and how to protect yourself, says Ken Janzen, senior director

and branch manager of the credit union.

"In addition to being a fundraiser, the educational component of the event is important to us," says Janzen.

"It's a serious issue in today's world, and it affects everyone. Niagara-on-the-Lake is not immune to it. You think it's not going to happen to you, but you'd be surprised how easily it can be done. It does happen in our community."

The people who

attempt identity theft are good at what they do, and there is a lot of information available on computer that is fairly simple for experts to take control of.

Recycling bins can make it even easier with personal credit card or chequing information, says Janzen.

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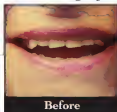
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Prevent identity theft

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While a Shred-it truck parked in the credit union lot handles the shredding Saturday, credit union staff members will be on hand to talk about identity theft and safe disposal of private information.

"We'll help you prevent identity theft, and tell you what to do if it happens. We have a process to lead you through it. It happens so easily, and within 24 hours people can be shopping in Texas with your credit card information," says Janzen.

Documents for shredding can be transported in boxes or garbage bags. The charge will be, by the bank-sized box, \$5 per box and \$12 for three.

Shred-it is providing the truck as part of its community program so that all proceeds can go to the hospital auxiliary, which will put the funds toward its paramedic memorial scholarship, providing bursaries to two students of the Niagara College paramedic program every year.

The Shred-it truck will be at the Meridian Credit Union on Niagara Stone Road in Virgil Saturday, Aug. 25, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Ken Janzen of the Meridian Credit Union and Marilyn Hulbert of the NQTL Hospital Auxiliary will be at the credit union parking lot Saturday for the second annual Shred-it event—it helps prevent identity theft, and raises money for the auxiliary.



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Local musician releasing CD of originals

Singer-songwriter chooses local pub to launch

CD

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

Ryan Gaio is a local singer-songwriter, about to launch his first CD.

Born and raised in Niagara-on-the-Lake, the 20-year-old university student has just finished recording his debut album, "Barely," with the help of a

friend, and is holding a CD release show at the Sandtrap Pub & Grill on Mary Street—a restaurant that is a favourite with locals. And since Gaio is passionate about maintaining a local identity in his music, the location seemed a good fit, he says.

"I began taking guitar lessons here in NOTL and the songs were all written here. Thus, it seemed most fitting to release the record here. This is music from a resident of NOTL, created in NOTL, and should therefore be performed here," he says.

"The Sandtrap's philosophy of 'keeping it local' seemed to perfectly match my intentions."

Sandtrap owners Paul and Matt Dietch were enthusiastic about his plans, and agreed to support him by offering their Mary Street pub for the CD launch.

"His music is so local," he says, he mentions working on the farm with his grandparents, Ted and Donna Van der Laar as he was growing up. There is even a reference to Concession 1 in one of his songs, he said.

In fact, it was those days that influenced his type of music. His songs are "rock and roll, but not heavy metal," he says.

"It's more like and Elvis and Buddy Holly, 50's sound."

He used to listen to old-

ies stations with his grandparents while they worked, "and something clicked with me, I guess. That style of music represents summer to me. It brings back good memories. I hope I've captured some of that nostalgia in my music."

All of the songs on the CD are originals, and although Gaio says he's not nervous about performing at the Sandtrap, he is anxious about how the public will react to his songs.

"I'm feeling kind of vulnerable. I've been working on these songs for so long and nobody has heard them. Now everyone will."

When he plays with a band, as he will with the

Duke of the Romeos at the Sandtrap, "you feel like part of a team," he says. But he doesn't have back-up on his CD.

"I'm the only one who has any thing invested in it. If it isn't well received, there will be nothing to cushion the



NOTL's Ryan Gaio will release a CD of original tunes Tuesday night at the Sandtrap on Mary Street.

blow."

And the music, he says, is personal.

"Anything creative is

going to include aspects of yourself, so that's part of the reason for the nerves. I'm putting myself out there."

The release show is Aug. 28, from 10 p.m. to 12 p.m. There is no admission fee. Copies of "Barely" will be available for \$5.

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Bouquet to couple from NOTL
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Brick, bouquet to some cyclists
I realize that there is an uneasy relationship between cyclists and drivers, and really the answer is not to throw bricks but for all of us to be more considerate to each other. My issue is when making a right turn it's sometimes difficult to tell what a cyclist is planning. This morning, I know I held traffic up to wait for a cyclist to go through the intersection, and then she turned right too. Aren't they supposed to signal their intentions, just like driv-

ers? It would help all of us if cyclists would signal more often. And a bouquet to those who do.

Brick to vandals

I would like to send a brick to the person who painted graffiti on a hydro box near my home. It's not art, it's going to be a nightmare to get it cleaned up and there is more and more of it around town. I wish those who consider themselves artists would understand that they are vandals and their crime costs us all.

Bouquet to person who returned my wallet

I was very upset to find that I had lost my wallet, possibly at the local coffee shop. It was returned, not only with credit cards but with cash in it. I don't know who returned it but thank you, I truly appreciate that you saved me a ton of trouble, and that there are still honest people in this world.

Bouquet to a friend

I would like to send a bouquet to a friend - in fact I am sending a real one - for being there for me when I had a bad week. She took me out for a really nice day of shopping, dinner and a movie, showing me that friendship is far more important than things that might go wrong at work.

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Peninsula Collision under-12s win first play-off match against Thorold

It was edge-of-your-seat soccer action at Memorial Park when Peninsula Collision defeated Thorold in their first play-off game for the Niagara-on-the-Lake Minor Soccer Association under-12 interlock division.

Thorold opened the scoring and it was not until late in the game that Niagara's Zack Green dribbled the ball past several players and scored to tie it up.

When time expired and officials called for a shoot-out, Green and Justice Ball both scored for Niagara while the Thorold team managed a single, sending Peninsula Collision to their second play-off game with one win behind them.

In recent minor atom soccer action, Penner Building Centre earned a narrow 5-4 win over Harvest Barn Penner forward Maverick Sanderson opened the scoring midway in the first half.

Harvest Barn forward Gabriele Palumbo tied it up by half time with a left hook shot from the corner sailing past goal-keeper Conner Vorias.

Sanderson opened the scoring early in the second for Penner, intercepting a goalie kick, quickly moving in on net and scoring unassisted.

Warren then scored from a corner kick, and Harvest Barn forward Felicia Mori quickly answered back unassisted with a goal set flying over the head of goal keeper Braulio Ojeda.

A few minutes later, Penner scored with two back-to-back goals by Warren.

With 10 minutes left in the game Harvest Barn

scored two quick goals, the first by Gabriele Palumbo, the second by Kyle Coffell, and great defending in the last 10 minutes by both sides left the score at 5-4 for Penner.

In minor squirt action, McDonald's outscored Kraft Amosca 11-0.

Scoring for McDonald's

was Matthew Li with three goals, Julia and Jayce Arnold with two each, Luke Adams scoring his first and second goals of the season and Luke Midgley and Nicholas Draayer with singles.

The shut-out was shared by Draayer, Li and Maggie O'Connor Forsyth. Also in minor squirt action, Bridgman and Durksen shut out Sure Shot 6-0. Lucas Roberts Ramos and Jonathan Colcuc each scored a hat trick for the



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The 18 hole ladies were divided into teams according to handicaps—a low, medium and high—and played a team game as well

as a personal round of 18 holes.

Martha Cruikshank was first with low gross of 82, Pam Earl second with 88 and third was a three-way tie between Lisa Allen, Yolanda Henry, and Sue Sherk with 93.

Cruikshank was also first with low net 69, Pam Earl

second with 71 and Carole Matheson third with 72.

Team coloured ball was won by Barbara Ahluwalia, Matheson, and Midori Medoruma with a 97.

Closest to the pin on #4, was won by Pam Earl; longest two shots both on the fairway of #3 by Sue Sherk; and closest to the line on #1,

Margot Richardson.

Best scores on accumulated skills came from Martha Cruikshank and Lisa Allen.

The Ladies Nine Hole Section was divided into two groups.

The results for the A Group were: low gross - Ariene Marian, Barbara

Langohr, runner-up; low net - Maureen Taylor, Claire Porterfield, runner-up; low putts - Peggy Bruce; closest to the line on #1, Shirley Holroyd; closest to the pin on #4 - Maureen Taylor; longest drive on #8 - Sharon Allen; closest to the pin in two on #9 - Shirley Alguire.

The results for the B

Group were: low gross - Charlotte Zych, Helen Chalcraft, runner-up; low net - Carolyn Greenfield, Laurie Nixon, runner-up; low putts - Elaine Larose; closest to the line on #1 - Lynne Heaman; closest to the pin on #4 - Helen Chalcraft; longest drive on #8 - Charlotte Zych.

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Retirements



to Kathy Neufeld!

After 48 years, with the Niagara On the Lake Branch of Meridian, Kathy has decided to retire. In order to celebrate this wonderful event. An open house at the branch is being held on Wed. Aug. 29 from 1-3pm.

Light refreshments to be served.
All the Best to you Kathy, from your friends at Meridian.

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Engagements

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Margaret and John Young

are thrilled to announce the engagement of their daughter

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to
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Deaths

MacINTYRE, Gordon Robert - Passed away August 16, 2012 aged 63 at University Hospital, London with his wife and life partner Sue by his side. Beloved son of Robert (1978) and Mildred (2011). Dear nephew of Anne Jefferson (2011). Gordon will be deeply missed by his brothers-in-law Scott (Carmia) ALLGOOD and Jeffrey (Joy) ALLGOOD and his nieces and nephews Brook, Emma, Anne and James. Gordon was a retired Canada Immigration Officer, and a long-time active member of Belle Boating Club. He will be greatly missed by his "work and play" friends and by his relatives. Cremation has taken place. A gathering to celebrate and remember Gord will take place at a later date. Donations to the Heart and Stroke foundation, and registration with www.beadonor.ca would be appreciated by the family. Online tributes and condolences may be made at www.helvingtonanddeans.com

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NOTL fast-pitch squirts play provincials, come home with bronze medal

The Niagara-on-the-Lake Lakers squirt travel fast-pitch team competed in the Springbrook provincial championships, coming home with the bronze medal.

Sponsored by the Virgil Firefighters, the Lakers won their first two games, but lost the next two, missing out on a chance to play in the championship match but taking third place.

Their first game was against Georgian Bay, and tied at 5 in the bottom of the 7th Robbie Falk hit a double with one out. Then with two out Falk stole third and then stole home for the win. Justin Reimer and Sam Pynn hit home runs with Ben Warner hitting a double. Falk pitched a 5-hitter striking out five, for the 6-5 win.

In their second game

NOTL won 11-3 over Port Perry.

Alex Read pitched a 6-hitter, striking out 12. Evan Miller had a home run and a triple, Read helped his cause with a triple and Pynn chipped in with three hits.

Kyle Dickson and James DeBoer had two hits each.

The NOTL Lakers, now one game from the finals, came up against the number-one ranked Hepworth team. The game was back and fourth with the Lakers losing 12-9.

Falk and Read pitched well, striking out 10—a couple of untimely errors were the down fall.

Justin Reimer had a triple, double and single, while Miller and Falk each had two hits.

The Lakers then had to play Georgian Bay again with the winner going to

the finals against Hepworth.

This time the pitcher from the Bay was on his game in a 6-1 win.

The NOTL Lakers could only muster three hits, two from Falk, one a home run, and one single from Miller.

The Lakers got some great hints from Mitchell Brown and some great bench help from Braeden Fieguth and Colby Ostroemski.



The NOTL Lakers come home from the provincial fast-pitch championships with third place.

Doubles champs



NOTL Tennis Club members Don Pozojevic and Maria Dinga are winners of the silver medal in 55+ Mixed Doubles at the 2012 Ontario 55+ Summer Games in Brampton. There were more than 1300 participants in 18 events of the Summer Games, and the tennis competition requiring 12 courts over the two days of the Games.

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